

## PAS Lunch n' Learn - Source Sheet

### 1. Talmud Bavli, Tractate Brachot 30a (*Literal translation*)

How is he to say it (Tefillat HaDerekh – the prayer for travelling)?

Rabbi Hisda said: Standing still; Rabbi Sheshet said: [He may] also [say it] while proceeding (i.e. either standing still or while continuing on one's journey). Once Rabbi Hisda and Rabbi Sheshet were going along together, and Rabbi Hisda stood still and prayed. Rabbi Sheshet asked his attendant, What is Rabbi Hisda doing? — He replied: He is standing and praying. He thereupon said to him: Place me in position also that I may pray; if you can be good, do not be called bad.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What's the p'shat here - the literal meaning as you see it?
2. Are R. Hisda and R. Sheshet being thoughtful of each other's needs?
3. Anything bothering you? Is the story as straightforward as it seems?

### 2. Tefilat HaDerech

May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to guide us in peace, to sustain us in peace, to lead us to our desired destination in health and joy and peace. Save us from every enemy and disaster on the way, and from all calamities that threaten the world. Bless the work of our hands. May we find grace, love and compassion in Your sight and in the sight of all who see us. Hear our supplication, for You listen to prayer and supplication. Praised are You, Lord who hears prayer. **Reprinted from *Siddur Sim Shalom***

3. "The arrogance of the able-bodied is staggering. Yes, maybe we'd like to be able to get places quickly, and carry things in both hands, but only because we have to keep up with the rest of you. We would rather be just like *us*, and have that be all right." **Barbara Kingsolver, *The Poisonwood Bible***
4. "There is something ironic in prejudice against the disabled and their families, because their plight might befall anybody. Straight men are unlikely to wake up gay one morning, and white children don't become black; but any of us could be disabled in an instant. People with disabilities make up the largest minority in America; they constitute 15 percent of the population, though only 15 percent of those were born with their disability and about a third are over sixty-five. Worldwide, some 550 million people are disabled. The disability-rights scholar Tobin Siebers has written, "The cycle of life runs in actuality from disability to temporary ability back to disability, and that only if you are among the most fortunate."  
**Andrew Solomon, *Far from the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity***



5. “And you shall not mistreat a stranger, nor shall you oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” **Exodus 20:22**
  
  6. “Call him Voldemort, Harry. Always use the proper name for things. Fear of a name increases fear of the thing itself.” **J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone**
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### **About Shutaf in Jerusalem - [www.campshutaf.org](http://www.campshutaf.org)**

Founded in 2007, Shutaf Inclusion Programs in Jerusalem offers year-round activities for more than 300 participants (ages 6-30), with and without disabilities: **Camp Shutaf** Passover and Summer day camps; **Young Leadership Program for Teens; 21+ at Shutaf** for adults ages 21-30; **Inclusion Education** and workshops; Parent and family gatherings.

Shutaf’s reverse-inclusion model brings together participants with diverse developmental, physical, and learning disabilities, including Autism, Down syndrome, ADD and ADHD, behavioral/emotional disorders (75%), alongside participants without disabilities (25%).

Shutaf brings together participants from a variety of backgrounds who would not typically come together in their daily lives, offering a place for social engagement and collective identity in Jerusalem. **Shutaf is committed to quality services for all participants of all abilities, regardless of labels, financial limitations, cultural and religious differences.**

### **Inclusion Education**

[The Shutaf Inclusion Guide](#) is a collection of inclusion ideas and practices, stories and resources, collected and developed during the last 13 years of building an organization and a program dedicated to inclusive thinking and services for children, teens, and young adults with and without disabilities in Jerusalem. At Shutaf we’re committed to quality services for all participants of all abilities, regardless of labels, financial limitations, cultural and religious differences. It’s a continuously evolving set of ideas.

**Inclusion-Accelerator Workshops:** Shutaf inclusion workshops are a collection of interactive sessions that facilitate a personal exploration of disability issues while developing a communal ethos of acceptance and inclusion.